

Bravities.

Sally Pease in Little Brown Jug is just immense.

There is lots of work ahead for our health committee.

Snow is reported to be three feet deep at Waterville, Wash.

D. D. Easp paid a business visit to Pendleton Tuesday.

Uncle Adam Rothrock is reported to be somewhat better.

The attendance at our Normal School is steadily increasing.

Call on Mrs. Carden of Athens, for your fall and winter hats.

Be sure and visit the "Nutter family" at the Skating Rink on the 12th.

Stationery, a large variety to select from, at L. S. Wood, post-office.

Ask Tom Anderson what made these marks on the back of his hands.

A. S. McGraw is visiting Port Townsend and other points on the Sound.

George Darveau, of Darveau & Kine, Pendleton, is in the city this week.

Mrs. Carden of Athens, has just received a fine stock of Millinery, from St. Paul.

Henry Adams informs us that he has lost but few of his sheep during the winter.

Wm. Case of Waitsburg, Wash., is visiting Weston, a guest of Marshal Gamble.

Jarius, in "Little Brown Jug," is always "b'illin' an' a b'illin'." At the Skating Rink, Feb. 12th.

The rotary snow plow came up Friday morning and succeeded in clearing the track to Walla Walla.

Henry Pinkerton presented himself with a fine new watch last week. He is deserving of such a treat.

Robert Ginn, one of our old-time residents is up from his home in Gilliam county, visiting his parents.

Do not fail to come out and enjoy a good laugh. Jarius' courting is comical enough to make a horse laugh.

Weston has been the terminus of the Spokane branch of the Union Pacific Railway during the past week.

A social dance will be given at the Skating Rink one week from next Friday night. St. Valentin's night.

Dr. I. N. Richardson, dentist, is permanently located at Athens, and does all kinds of dentistry at very low rates.

Mrs. Jennie Richardson, of Athens, fashionable dress maker, has had seven years' experience in the art of dress fitting.

A social dance was given by the young people of Dry Hollow, Friday night. Several couples from Weston participated.

One week from to-night the stock-holders of the Building and Loan Association meet. Let every stock-holder be present.

Another Building and Loan association has been organized at Pendleton. Lehman Bium president, W. F. Matlock vice.

Come out and see Jarius, "the measly mouthed critter among the gals." Also Sally Pease "the gal that gave Si Slo-cum the mitten."

The lot in Court House block, corner of Court and Cottonwood streets, Pendleton, was sold last week for \$7,000. One on Main street was sold for a similar sum.

L. M. Simpson & Co. of Adams, dealers in general merchandise, have made an assignment. Their liabilities are about \$11,000. The Weston flouring mills are among the creditors.

The political pot is beginning to simmer. At least this was the impression made upon our minds during our stay at Pendleton last week. Candidates are plentiful in the West End.

Why not have a meeting of the Board of Trade? Considerable business of vital interest to our city is awaiting the meeting of the board, and we believe that a call should be issued at an early date as possible.

The first through passenger train on the Walla Walla branch via Weston since January 11, passed up on Saturday morning. The road is reported to be clear along the entire line and trains will be run on their usual time.

Water in the bed of Pine creek at Weston, commenced to run Tuesday night. This is the first water in the creek since early last summer. As a rule the creek commences to flow in October or November at the latest.

Mr. A. K. and E. T. Jones, also Mrs. Wilbur, children of W. R. Jones are in the city. They came in response to a telegram informing them of the death of their beloved parent, arriving in time to pay their last respects at his grave.

The funeral of W. R. Jones took place yesterday. The day being very stormy and the roads in bad condition, many were deterred from attending the funeral. The deceased was interred in the Masonic cemetery.

The books and blank shares of stock of the Weston Building and Loan Association having arrived, those who have subscribed to the stock at the association may receive the same duly signed, by calling on the secretary of the association.

Citizens who wish to assist in building up the LEADERS, and who have no business to advertise, can greatly assist in the work of making it a financial success by subscribing for extra copies to be sent away.

From conversation with many of our farmers we learn that there will be more than an average amount of grain sown this season, owing to the fine prospects for a good crop this year.

The comedy, Little Brown Jug, which will be rendered by the Weston Dramatic Club a week from to-morrow night, at the Skating Rink, promises to be one of the best entertainments ever given in Weston. Do not fail to be present.

The proceeds of the entertainment to be given next Wednesday night, will be devoted to the purchasing of instruments for the Weston Cornet Band. Let every one take an interest and purchase one or more tickets, and thus assist in helping the boys out.

After duly considering the matter of the locating of the proposed branch of the asylum in Eastern Oregon, we have concluded to not put anything in the way of Pendleton securing the same. In fact, Pendleton is our first choice. We think that she needs it. It would be so handy and convenient you know.

We have yet to record a business failure in Weston. We hear of assignments made by business houses in the different towns of the county, but Weston's merchants always weather the storm.

We noticed an article not long since in one of our exchanges, from a neighboring town, stating that but one failure had occurred in that city since it was founded, when we know personally, of at least a half dozen during the past twelve months.

We have received from Hon. Bigler Hermann, one of the latest large maps issued by the Interior department. It is ten or twelve feet square, very handsomely printed in colors, and very valuable. It is a map of the United States, as a whole. We are under many obligations to Mr. Hermann for his kind favor.

Among the needed improvements, and one that it is hoped our common council will make during the present year, is the building of a bridge across Pine creek on Pomeroy street. Wonder if our county commissioners will not make an appropriation, and thus help our city out? A bridge at this point is very much needed.

Wm. Anderson, the Adams merchant who was missed last summer, leaving his creditors to mourn his departure, passed through Wallula last Thursday, with a band of horses, on his way to the Sound. Officers are on his trail, and it is quite probable that he will be brought back and given an opportunity to square accounts or abide by the consequences.

In a weighing match at Crofutt & Co.'s between Jimmie Lieualten and several of our heaviest weights, Jimmie out weighed all the other contestants, although some of them tipped the beam at 225. Jimmie paid the price agreed upon but declares that he will not weigh the next time, and is now looking out to catch some one else so that he can get even.

A correspondent for the East Oregonian at Kamela, states that the snow in the Blue Mountains is less than the average, and owing to the dryness of the ground and water courses, that the melting snow will be all absorbed by the mountain soil. Consequently, he believes that there is no grounds for fears of high water. Snow at the summit is only 30 inches deep and very dry.

The grand jury, after investigating the killing of A. L. Barry by J. K. Davidson, ordered the discharge of Davidson. The action of the grand jury is an endorsement of the verdict of the coroner's jury and meets with general approval. We question if there are any who doubt that the killing was justifiable, it being done in self defense.

The branch that courses along Water street should be changed at some point in the upper part of the city, so that its waters will run into Pine creek. Valuable property along its banks is disfigured, besides we believe that it is a source of ill-health to families living beside it. It should be declared a nuisance and its course changed, as suggested.

Reports from our farmers who have fall sown wheat in the ground, are that it is growing fine, and where the snow has disappeared, the wheat is above ground an inch or more and looking well. The snow on the ground since the commencement of winter afforded perfect protection to the grain, and in this vicinity there has been no damage whatever done thus far. The outlook for a good crop is most promising.

High street is at present impassable between water and Franklin. Our Street Commissioner started in to fix the approach to the bridge in a most permanent manner, but before he could finish the work, the ground froze up and he was compelled to abandon it. We presume that the work will soon be resumed and the ground thawed out. By the way, we would like to be informed by our street committee why it is that this portion of High street is merely an alley in width, while the rest of the street is full width, 40 feet.

We are pleased with the position the East Oregonian occupies in relation to the petty criminal cases that are tried in our circuit court, especially those from the Umatilla reservation. The E. O. hints that these cases are gotten up by a "combine," for the money there is in it for themselves. We know nothing about this part of it, but do know that the expense of prosecuting these petty cases, is borne by the tax-payers of the county, which does not appear right; residents of this reservation being no sense, citizens or tax-payers of the county. The bills that Umatilla county will have to foot for reservation cases tried during the present court, will be very large, several cases having been tried during this term.

The amount of real and personal property assessed in the county as returned by the assessor is \$5,055,469, and polls \$1,961. The tax of 22 mills as ordered by the county court upon the above property is as follows: State purposes, 5 mills; school purposes, 5 mills; current expenses, 10.8 mills; indigent soldiers and sailors, two-tenths of a mill. If there are no delinquents, the amounts collected for the above purposes will be as follows: State, \$30,344; school, \$25,287; current expenses \$54,620; for indigent soldiers and sailors, \$1,011. Making a total of \$111,263.

Times in Weston are beginning to improve, business operations are becoming more extensive, and money is becoming more plentiful. New buildings are in contemplation and a healthier sentiment is prevailing among our property holders. A bank, machine shops, and a pork packery are among the possibilities. Let the good work go on, and let every citizen feel that he has an interest in Weston's prosperity.

Jesse Melton while down from his Ritzville ranch to prove up on his timber culture, reported snow two feet deep in that section and stock in a very bad condition, many of them dying from the cold and lack of feed, it being impossible to obtain feed at any cost. The thermometer he says, has been as low as 24 degrees below zero.

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Deaths. Deaths. Deaths. Through the lack of tenable houses Weston loses yearly quite a number of people, who, in all probability, would become permanent residents of the place. Our wealthy real estate owners should not be behind in matters pertaining to the city's welfare. The greatest number of the unimproved city lots are owned by four or five men, who ought to be greatly interested in the prosperity of their town, and in its permanent growth. They are all men of means. They could build a few commodious houses on their vacant property and would not feel the expense, and the investment would prove profitable. If we are interested in the growth of our city, in the prosperity of its citizens, let us show our interest in some such practical manner. Our citizens, especially those with means have the reputation of being full of local pride and enterprise. Opportunities to show that this reputation is well deserved will not be lacking during this year.

Deaths. Deaths. Deaths. All persons indebted to the Weston Flouring Mills, will please come forward and settle their accounts immediately. JAMES W. YORKU.</